MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The information required by the member was not collected in view of the fact that the E. S. L. C. Scheme will have to be brought into line with the Madras S. S. L. C. Scheme, the revision of which is awaiting the orders of the Government of Madras. When the revision of the E. S. L. C. Scheme is taken up for consideration, the question of the place of optionals in the Scheme, including commercial subjects like Shorthand, Typewriting, etc., will be considered.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

Deputation of a Veterinary Inspector to Lahore.

185. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a Veterinary Inspector was sent to Lahore with deputation allowance for special training in certain subjects; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the manner in which the Government intend to give him facilities for making his special training useful to the public?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) An officer was deputed to the Lahore Veterinary College to undergo the Refreshers' course of training and was given a deputation allowance.

(*b*) The institution over which he holds charge would afford ample facilities to make proper use of the fresh knowledge he has gained in his profession.

Tom-tom charges.

186. **MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA** (*Edavagai*): With reference to the answer given to the supplementary question to the interpellation *re* statements of receipts on account of tom-tom charges asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 24th April 1929 (page 432 of Vol. XIV of the Council Proceedings), will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reasons for the difference in the rates of tom-tom charges in different institutions and localities; and

(*b*) whether it will not be possible to reduce the higher rates to 4 chuckrams and make them uniform?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) In civil courts when an attachment, sale or delivery of possession, of property has to be proclaimed by beat of tom-tom, a fee of 4 chuckrams per diem is levied in each case on account of tom-tom charges. In every case of sale the date of sale is proclaimed at the spot on a day previous to the sale and thereafter the sale is conducted at the spot on one day and at the court-house for three days and every day a fee of 4 chuckrams will be levied on account of tom-tom charges. The total amount of tom-tom fee levied will thus be 20 chuckrams in each case. The rate of 14 chuckrams or 21 chuckrams in each case levied by the

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Land Revenue Department represents the wages for a full day of the person engaged for the tom-tom work. Unlike the civil courts, the proclamation of Revenue sale has to be made by beat of tom-tom in the village to which the lands on which the arrear has accrued may belong and also in other places as the Tahsildar may think necessary. The person employed for this work has therefore greater work to do. In the Major Municipal towns and in the hill tracts the rates of wages are higher than those in places in the low country. These circumstances account for the difference in the rates obtaining in the different institutions and localities. For the reasons explained, it is not feasible to make the rates uniform.

Report on the working of the Trivandrum Municipal Council.

187. **MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA** (*Edavagai*) : With reference to the statement that a separate report would shortly be published in respect of the working of the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, given in answer to the question re the Trivandrum Municipal Council asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 25th April 1929, will the Government be pleased to enquire why the report has not yet been published though it is three months since the answer was given ?

MR. S. VENKATARAMANA AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : The report has been received by the Government and is under consideration.

Establishment of Hospitals for rural areas in the State.

188. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Administrative Board, Medical Services, has submitted to them any scheme for the establishment of hospitals in rural areas in the State ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have taken any action thereon ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Coolies employed in mills and plantations in the State.

189. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have passed any rules regarding the medical inspection, working hours, rates of wages, etc., of the coolies employed in mills and plantations, such as coffee, cardamom, rubber, etc., in this State ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Rules passed under Section 37 of the Travancore Factories Regulation, V of 1089, provide, among others, for the medical inspection, working hours, etc., of factories as defined in Section 3 of the Regulation. The plantations referred to do not come under 'factories' as defined in the Regulation.

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